

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

INVISIBLE DISABILITIES WEEK

2020

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, an invisible disability is a physical, mental, or emotional impairment that may either not be readily apparent or go entirely unnoticed; and

WHEREAS, an invisible disability can include, but is not limited to: cognitive impairment and brain injury; the autism spectrum; chronic illnesses like multiple sclerosis, chronic fatigue, chronic pain, and fibromyalgia; Deaf and/or hard of hearing; blindness and/or low vision; anxiety, depression, PTSD, and many more conditions; and

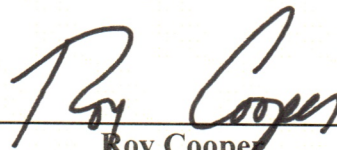
WHEREAS, without the obvious signs of disability, many of those with invisible disabilities are accused of faking and/or exaggerating their conditions; as a result, there is a lack of funding, accommodations, medical resources, and overall support for this community; and

WHEREAS, organizations like the Invisible Disabilities Association strive to encourage, educate, and connect people and organizations affected by disability; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages organizations, health care practitioners, and all people to promote awareness and understanding for those affected by disabilities, regardless of visibility;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 18 – 24, 2020, as “**INVISIBLE DISABILITIES WEEK**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this seventh day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fifth.